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Security measures in the area bordering Pondicherry.

* 844 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government to protect the lives and properties of the people of this State in the area bordering Pondicherry;

(*b*) whether Police are posted at the enclaves of Pondicherry; and

(*c*) if so, the names of the enclaves protected by the Indian Police?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) I regret, for reasons of security, it is not possible to disclose the dispositions of our police forces around the French enclaves in the area bordering Pondicherry. I can however assure the hon. Member that adequate Police arrangements have been made to protect the lives and properties of the people of this State in the areas bordering Pondicherry and the French enclaves near it."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இவ்வளவு பெரிய பாதுகாப்பு கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருந்தும் பாக்கம் போல் இன்னும் மற்ற இடங்களிலுள்ள ஜனங்கள் தாக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆதலால் நம் போலீசுக்கு சக்தியில்லை என்று தெரிகிறது. ஆதலால் பாண்டிச்சேரிபக்கத்திலுள்ள தென்னாற்க்காடு ஜில்லாவிலுள்ளவர்களுக்கும் லைசென்சு இல்லாமல் துப்பாக்கி வழங்க சர்க்கார் முயற்சி செய்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I don't think that will solve the problem. That may complicate problems, Sir."

Clash in the areas bordering French Indian Settlements.

* 845 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any clash between some goondas in the French Indian Territory and the Armed Police of our State in the border areas of French Indian Settlements on 2nd May 1954; and

(*b*) what steps have been taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) There was no clash between the goondas in the French Indian territory and the Armed Police of our State in the border areas of French Indian Settlements on 2nd May 1954, but on 1st May 1954, when a Malabar Special Police lorry was returning from Kodukur to Pudukuppam near the French-Chettipet road, the Naick driver noticed a palmyra trunk laid across the road to obstruct his passage. When he was clearing the obstruction with the help of a Police constable who was with him, the villagers of French Chettipet numbering about 300